

Office of the Mayor

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AN ORDER STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES TO CONTAIN COVID-19 THREAT IN THIS CITY FOLLOWING THE DECLARATION OF CODE RED SUBLEVEL 2

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the President announced the raising of Code Red Sublevel 2 for the COVID-19 in the Philippines, following the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, under its Resolution No, 11 series of 2020;

WHEREAS, under the same IATF Reso. 11, PRRD placed the National Captal Region (NCR) under "Community Quarantine" whereby stringent social distancing measures shall be implemented for a period of thirty (30) days or until April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City of Bacoor is in very close proximity with the NCR, being part of what is referred to as Mega Manila, whereby a large number of Bacooreños are gainfully employed in NCR but they go home to this City. Thus, the label, "bedroom of Metro Manila" makes this City equally vulnerable to the community outbreak;

WHEREAS, the City Mayor issued Executive Order No. 09-2020, Localization of PRROs Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency, on 10 March 2020 in order to undertake urgent and appropriate measures in a precise manner to prevent the spread of the pandemic virus in the City;

WHEREAS, as of date, the City has remained to be rid of positive Covid-19 cases, although there are several persons under investigation (PUIs) by the City Health Officer awaiting test results, and persons under monitoring PUMs being home quarantined and strictly monitored by the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) and the City Quarantine Officers, and still the City is being surrounded by the cities of Las Piñas and Imus which are now with known COVID-19 positives;

WHEREAS, the declaration of NCR Community Quarantine having imminent effect to the constituents of Bacoor City that is relatively unique and strategic compared to other towns of the Province of Cavite, the City government and the Bacooreños are one in its decisive approach to adopt pre-emptive and critical measures to contain the contamination and entry and/or further outbreak of Covid-19;



NOW, THEREFORE, I, LANI MERCADO REVILLA, City Mayor of Baccor, a chartered component city of the Province of Cavite, by the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

- 1) The suspension of classes in all levels in the City of Bacoor is hereby extended up to April 12, 2020. The Bacoor-PNP and other City enforcement units are hereby mobilized to ensure that students shall remain inside their homes during the duration of this suspension. The DepEd-Bacoor Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall issue a separate memorandum and apply the policies and directives of the Department of Education on the completion of the schoolyear for jurisdictions where classes are suspended.
- 2) Mass gatherings, and holding of crowded events in the whole City shall be prohibited up to April 12, 2020, and should subsequently remain strongly discouraged while the public emergency is in place.
 - ALL activities which would be participated in by large number of people shall be suspended for the same period, including graduation rites and moving up ceremonies of all schools. All events scheduled in all facilities owned by the local government used for such large gatherings, e.g. gymnasiums, covered courts, parks and open spaces, shall remain suspended during the state of public health emergency.
 - The Philippine National Police (PNP) has already issued a memorandum for the suspension of Sabong or cocklighting nationwide for the same period of one month. Thus, all permits issued by the City are herey suspended up to April 12, 2020, and cocklighting is prohibited and will be dealt with by law. Thereafter, all mass activity remains to be strongly discouraged until the state of public health emergency is lifted by the President.
 - Mass entertainment activities such as concerts, sporting events, movie screening, and community assemblies, are prohibited during the same period. Essential work-related meetings and religious activities may proceed as long as strict social distancing measures are adopted, i.e. maintain one to two meter (1-2m) distance in between participants.
- 3) The Bacoor Government Center (BGC) shall be adopting an alternative work week schedule starting March 16, 2020. There will be a skeletal force to ensure the delivery of vital social services in every office for the whole week, the mechanics of which shall be issued by the City Human Resource and Development Officer in accord with the relevant Civil Service Commission directives. Thus, Bacooreños are enjoined to minimize their visits to BGC unless they have a crucial public service request. The Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) and the City Information Office (CIO) shall ensure availability of data and information online via the City website and social media pages.
- 4) The usual Flag Ceremony during Mondays at the Strike gymnasium shall likewise be suspended during the state of public health emergency. The national flag shall fly at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays and the singing of the national anthem shall still be conducted while the employees remain standing inside their respective offices, just as it is during the flag recession on Fridays.

- 5) As directed by the President, private establishments are encouraged to adopt flexible work schedules and adopt more stringent social distancing measures and intensified cleaning and disinfecting activities.
- 6) In accord with the World Health Organization (WHO) triage algorithm, and the Department of Health (DOH) issued policies, persons under monitoring (PUM) shall undergo mandatory HOME QUARANTINE for atleast fourteen (14) days. PUMs are those persons who may or may not be exhibiting physical symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g. fever, coughing or shortness of breath, diarrhea) and have recently traveled to or are residents of countries with reported local transmission of COVID-19, or have come in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- 7) Additional Quarantine Officers need to be appointed in order to implement the above directives more effectively. Thus, the City Administrator Jerome V. Oliveros is hereby ordered to appoint other quarantine officers to assist him in the management and execution of directives. The City Health Officer Dra. Ivy Yrastorza is also hereby directed to appoint more Quarantine Officers who may form her team in the monitoring and investigation of persons affected by the communicable disease COVID-19, and likewise the CDRRMO.

FINALLY, it is reiterated that the COVID-19 outbreak is a public health concern which entail the whole community working together to contain and curtail the fatal effects of this very contagious disease. This is not a community quarantine. Movement of the general public in the City is not prohibited or limited, but unnecessary going out of the homes by persons at risk is strongly enjoined, e.g. co-morbids or immunosuppressed persons, senior citizens, infants and pupils, in order to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

Baccoreños are hereby urged to cooperate and obey the national and local government policies and directives, and work positively with our very hardworking health workers and law enforcers. Please do not panic, your government is doing all in our power and resources to make sure that there is enough supply of needs for all in every situation.

REPEALING CLAUSE. All prior issuances on the COVID-19 public health event. E.O. Nos. 03-2020 and 09-2020 shall remain in full force and effect. Provisions therein as are inconsistent herewith shall be deemed superseded by this Order.

EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued in the City of Baccor, Cavite this 13th day of March 2020.

LANI MERCADO-REVILLA City Mayor